

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated as mailed February 1, 1007, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 4, 5 and 10 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Wruck (US 5,033,126) and 1 and 6 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Stentiford (US 1,580,453).

The applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended are not disclosed or suggested by Wruck and/or Stentiford.

Specifically, the Wruck application teaches away from the present invention by providing a side zipper to allow access. The present invention, provides a waterproof leg encircling portion that is uniform width from the top opening to the knee and gradually increases from the knee to the bottom opening. Also, the top opening is higher on the outer side of leg encircling portion, and slopes downward towards the lower inner side. This provides water proof protection all the way up the wearers legs, but is not constricting in the crotch region. This is not taught or suggested by the prior art.

D. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully believes that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action on all claims are respectfully requested.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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